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No. 1

Popular Vote Reveals Seniors In 'Who's Who'

School Welcomes Old Grads Today

Weeks of planning and hard work by the Student Council will come to the grand finale in the homecoming exercises which will get under way at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium with a special assembly program.

In the absence of Doug Story, Student Council president, Richard Slinkman, Student Council vice president, will give the welcoming address to the returning alumni, students, and other guests of the day. In response to the welcome, Joe Bagando, former president of Student Council, will give the response for the alumni.

Adding color to the program, the chorus and band will present several numbers.

Following the program, a dance will be held in Roosevelt gym. Glen Clugston's orchestra will be on hand to generate the sharps and flats for this event.

"Hello Day" has been worked out by the Booster staff and is intended to help create a feeling of friendliness and back home good will among guests and students during the activities.

Schaefer Discusses Safety In Assembly

As a part of the city-wide Pre-Christmas safety week an assembly was presented in the High School Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m.

Main attraction on the program was Charles E. Schaefer of the Safety Department of the State Highway Commission. A moving picture was also shown.

COMING EVENTS
* Monday, Jan. 5—Return to school after 2-week vacation.
* Tuesday, Jan. 6—Student Council meets; basketball game with Nevada, here.
* Wednesday, Jan. 7—Contact printers meet in darkroom.
* Friday, Jan. 9—Basketball game with Chanute, here.
* Saturday, Jan. 10—Only 351 more days till Christmas, 1948.

Boys To Distribute 'The Safety Call'

Early tomorrow afternoon, Dec. 20, twenty boys from PHS and ten from St. Mary's will distribute 3000 fake police tickets and 3000 newspapers, "The Safety Call", to automobiles and pedestrians in downtown Pittsburg.

This distribution is part of a finish up move in the Pre-Christmas traffic safety drive sponsored by the Pittsburg Safety Council.

Assisting in the Saturday activities are Helen Messinger, in charge of personnel for the distribution work, and John White, in charge of printing all material.

Speech Class Gives Radio Skit Dec. 16

A committee of students directed by Dan J. Jewell, speech and dramatics teacher, presented a radio skit last Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 8:15 over KOAM and Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 8:45 over KSEK.

The skit was a part of the Pittsburg Safety Council's Pre-Christmas traffic safety drive.

The cast was composed of Johnny Williams, Jimmy Garrison, Bill Nulton, Richard Chiapetta, Eugene Liebig, Harvey Grandle, Don Peterson, Pat Lewis, Esther Green, Marcella Dauchez, Joanne Turner, and Ruth Maninger.

Reindeer Outdated

Store Santa Arrives By Jet-Propelled Plane

"The children were nestled all snug in their beds while visions of Santa Claus—Johnny Wilson, that is—danced in their heads." This would

well fit Pittsburg youngsters. Being appointed by his employer, McNalley Pittsburg Manufacturing Corporation, to play Santa Claus at an annual Christmas



Pictured is Johnny Wilson, Santa Claus for Jones Department Store.

Mr. Green Attends State Athletic Meet

Taking leave from the holiday vacation period, Mr. Green, principal, will journey to Topeka for a two day meeting, Dec. 21 and 22, to serve as Southeast Kansas area representative at the board of controls meeting of the Kansas state high school athletic association.

This six member board will discuss the following tentative items of business: debate restrictions, spring speech and drama festivals, assignment of regional basketball tournaments, consideration of several athletic accident benefit claims, student council programs, and the possibility of organizing Kays and Kayettes, two youth organizations sponsored by the Kansas athletic association.

The results of this meeting will be received with much anticipation since much of the remainder of the athletic activities depends on the decision of this board.

Ex-Student Takes Fraternity Honors

John A. Brumbaugh, former PHS student and graduate of the class of '44, has recently been elected to the Tau Beta Pi national engineering honorary fraternity at Purdue University. John is a junior in the electrical school at Purdue.

This is a highly competitive fraternity and it is very difficult to be among the elected members. To be eligible for Tau Beta Pi a student must be in the upper one-fifth of his class. From those eligible less than one-fourth are selected. All elections are based on character and outside activities as well as scholastic rating.

Tau Beta Pi is the engineering counterpart of Phi Beta Kappa which recognizes outstanding students in their junior and senior years.

party. Johnny Wilson got his start in this unusual occupation.

Johnny Wilson began his Santa Claus act during the Christmas of '41 and has continued it to this year by working at stores and for parties. This year the Jones department store has asked Johnny to portray the children's idol on Saturday afternoons and evenings.

"Santa Claus" told some spectators that he arrived by jet plane; however the younger visitors were assured that he came in a sleigh with reindeer. "These were the same reindeer that got me into quite a mess with some of the young believers," stated Johnny. When asked the names of these animals, Johnny was at a loss for words. With the help of assistants and various parents a few names were reported and the question passed on.

Although Johnny does not promise any gifts, he does assure children that he will consider their list and hands them a stick of candy to encourage them.

Nearly all the little girls want dolls for Christmas. One little girl was very insistent about her gift and demanded it promptly. When told that she would have to wait, she became indignant and left immediately.

Winning Students To Mate Section In '48 'Purple And White' Yearbook

"Who's Who Among Seniors" was decided Wednesday, Dec. 17, in a runoff ballot. Voted most popular were Harvey Grant and Judy Veatch; Most Studious: Jim Hamilton and Mary Gintzell; Most Versatile: Cecil Wilson and Betsy Thomas; Most Likely To Succeed: Richard Lance and Helen Peters; Most Athletic: Marvin White and Norma Shields; and Most Clever: Jerry Davidson and Lillian Prideaux.

Two Senior Girls Take Literary Award



Mylene Stevens-Virginia Sullivan

Just making the deadline, the perspiring authors and poets who haunt the halls and rooms of PHS, handed in their brain children to meet the searching eye of the judges. These in turn managed to look dignified and got down to the grueling business of deciding the fate of said brain children.

After due consideration the judges decided on Virginia Sullivan's poem "A Veteran's Christmas" and Mylene Stevens' short story "The Christmas Gift". The prize in the story contest is \$3 and \$2 in the poetry contest.

About fourteen others entered the contests and the Booster staff wishes to extend its gratitude to these entries. Most of the entries were of a serious nature but one, by Robert Wirt, was an amusing, short poem about a child's belief in Santa Claus. This may be found in "The Strip Pit" column on page two. The story and poem are also on page two.

Alumni Letters Take New Spot In Library

For the last two weeks the add-a-note letters to former students have been placed on the dictionary stand in the east wing of the library. Apparently they escaped the notice of library students for not so many have written on them as when the project was first initiated.

The letters to Bill Batten and Marilyn Markham have been put on the north bulletin board in the west section of the library close to the door where most of the students pass when entering or leaving. The people to whom the letters are addressed would be glad to hear from their friends still in school as is shown by the letters received from individuals who have gotten such letters.

The runoff ballot held the net of two in each division, this taken from the two highest in division on a previous nominating ballot. Also on the runoff ballot were Doug Story, Marilyn Mour, Art Halliday, Virginia England, Richard Slinkman, No Johnson, Ed Grandle, Mitzi Awin, John Gibson, Mary Huntington, Bill Rinehart and Woods.

The winning group will make up a special picture section in the 1948 Purple and White.

Debaters Schedule Tough Tournament

"It is the contention of the firmative that such a plan" among those sounds which one hear coming from Mr. Tev room during second hour as Debate class prepares for its debate.

The present plans are for whole class to debate in the andotte Tournament, to be Jan. 8-9, at Kansas City, Kan. class is working hard because tournament is always a strong with teams from Newton, El Dorado, Topeka, and Russell attending.

Those debaters attending tentatively scheduled will be Sh Ellis, Virginia Graham, Clara First, Jo Partin, Jeanine Nene Plagens, Bill England, Richard Slinkman.

Senior Boys Visit Local Service Clubs

Senior boys have been given chance to learn the ropes of Pittsburg Rotary and Kiwanis club by being invited as junior members of the organization.

During the month of October Marvin White and John Gintzell were selected by Mr. Green to junior members of the Rotary. This month Edward Grandle and Arthur Halliday were selected junior Rotarians.

Kiwanian junior representative for Nov. was Doug Story, Student Council President. Bill Rinehart is the December junior Kiwanian.

These boys serve for one month period, going to each meeting as guests of the respective club. They are selected by Mr. Green to attend the various clubs.

Music Department Plans Two Events For First Of Year

Two major events in the music department will take place during January.

Bill Sears will be a guest soloist and will present a concert on Jan. 23. Mr. Sears has been Kiwanis drum major for several years. Afternoon of Jan. 23, he will present a special program for senior students.

A party is being planned for music department Jan. 13. This will be a dance and refreshment

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
From the Journalism and Printing Students

THROUGH THE MINE

Carrying Out Inside Christmas Feeling May Be Key To More Pleasant World

What do most people think of when they hear Christmas mentioned? Probably presents, decorated trees, hard Christmas candy, the idea of Santa Claus and that good old Christmas day dinner.

One factor they may overlook in their associations is the spirit that always accompanies the yuletide. That feeling of happiness inside that makes them want to smile at absolute strangers. The glow they feel when they watch the snow falling on "the night before Christmas."

Spring may be the season for young lovers, but Christmas is the season of universal love for everyone. Petty jealousies are laid aside at this time and greed is overpowered by the yearning to give to others. The ever-predominate "I" finally plays second fiddle for a few weeks and an enemy becomes a friend.

But all too soon this spirit disappears. Where it goes, who knows? Some wishful thinkers express the thought that how nice it would be if the Christmas spirit could last all year and the spirit of jealousy, greed, and hate last only a few days out of the 365. What a reversal that would be.

—Matha Gintzell

Drivers Should Take It Easy So Christmas Won't Lose Its Glow

The Christmas season is here. And with it all the joyful, happy pleasures of this time. But with it also are some things which are not so pleasant, but are accepted because they seem inevitable.

Such dampers to the Christmas glow are the yearly pre-Christmas traffic accidents. At every yuletide season the total seems higher than ever before.

But words are useless. The subject has already been worn threadbare. However, there are more than words in our own community this season, for the newly organized Pittsburgh Safety Council is taking definite action with their Pre-Christmas Safety Drive.

The drive, which began last Sunday and ends tomorrow, is stressing a "Take It Easy" formula. Says W. H. Shute, president of the Pittsburgh Safety Council, "This week's all-out drive against driver and pedestrian accidents is a pre-Christmas happiness drive also; for one fatal accident can ruin a family's Christmas, while a little care can avoid a tragedy."

The success of the drive, the well-being of many people, depends upon the citizens of Pittsburgh. Give a Christmas gift this year following the Safety Council's slogan of "Take It Easy."

Dorothy Hodge

Children Learn About Santa

The one big disappointment during anyone's childhood is the sudden realization that there is no Santa Claus. Here are some students' answers as to how they were informed of this world-waking fact and what their reactions were.

KATHERINE LIGON -- "I sneaked in the bedroom one night and found mother wrapping a present. I didn't think much about it then but the next morning when I opened a package, supposedly from Santa Claus, and found the same present I saw Mother wrap-

ping the night before... well, I was so disappointed I didn't know what to do."

BARBARA BANTA "Some kids told me that there was no Santa Claus when I was in grade school I went home to Mother and I cried because I thought it was so awful!"

BILLY BOB MILLER "I was about six years old, I guess. I peeked in the bedroom and saw Santa Claus standing there. Only it didn't turn out to be Saint Nick at all but my dad dressed up like Santa Claus."

GUSSIE RAY ROUSE "I was in the second grade when a boy told me there wasn't any Santa Claus. I ran crying to my teacher and she said he was only teasing. I didn't know what to believe and I was afraid if I doubted there was a Santa Claus, I wouldn't get any Christmas presents."

The Christmas Gift Love Means More Than Money

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Little Irene vigorously rubbed her mittened hands trying to keep them warm. Even though her clean ragged wraps were securely fastened, the cold wind seemed to sift through.

She darted swiftly about avoiding the busy shoppers. The town was

Veteran Finds Joy At Christmas Time

A Veterans Christmas I'm at home tonight after endless years of heartbreak, sorrow, and unshed tears.

I'm at home tonight, we're around the tree, My mom, dad, and one dearest to me.

An Alban blanket covers the ground.

From outside the window comes the clear sound

Of the carolers singing, spreading good cheer.

My heart fills with reverence— Christmas is here.

The birthday of He who died on the tree

Who though war's hell comforted me.

He was sent by his father, that we might see

The joy of living in a land that's free.

A land where Christmas is beauty and joy,

A fairland world for each girl and boy.

A Christmas with bright lights, cedar, and holly,

Gifts and good food and a Santa Claus jolly.

I'm at home tonight, with a prayer in my mind

For each lovely thing, for you see I am blind.

Virginia Sullivan

very crowded but Irene definitely knew her destination.

She hurried into a dime-store and made her way practically to the center of it. There she again saw what she had come to see every evening after school during the past week. She seemed drawn to it like steel to a magnet. Everything she saw was fascinating but nothing quite compared to the beautiful little pale blue flowers in a tiny pot that she wanted so badly to give to her mother. She took one long last look then turned away disappointed and slowly retraced her steps to her humble home.

The day before Christmas found Irene still without a gift for her mother. So after careful thought she secured a small piece of white cloth and endeavored to hem it for a handkerchief.

The stitches were crooked, and a splash of blood indicated that she had stuck her finger, but nevertheless it was finished. She carefully wrapped it; slipped in a piece of paper on which was written, "I love you Mother;" and placed it on the table where she would find it.

Great was her surprise when she awoke to find her mother shedding tears over her gift. What was the matter? Didn't the gift please her? Timidly she approached her mother, "I know it's not much," she explained, "But well—I wanted to give you something," she stammered.

But she proceeded no farther for her mother had taken her in her arms and after kissing her said,

"Darling, nothing would have pleased me more, for I know that you've given me this present with love and I'd rather have it that way than the most expensive gift you could find given without your love."

Myrlene Stevens

The Strip Pit

By Ima Digger

A Poet and Doesn't Know It:

We cast our vote for ROBERT WIRT for Poet Laureate of Pittsburgh High, on his contribution to the Christmas festivities with this poem:

SANTA CLAUS

"Do you believe in Santa Claus?" I once did ask a little tot.

This question to provoke some thought.

"Of course I don't," he answered my demand;

"He's like the devil for he's only your old man."

Sue Serenade

It sounds as though we have a new chorus in school, this one is under the direction of Miss Messenger. The story of the origin of the Fifth Hour Girls Gym and Chorus class runs like this: SUE WOODS, that great story teller, was giving Miss Messenger a few choice excerpts from one of these firs, and as a result SUE was the last one on the gym floor; when she did come on, Miss Messenger had the class sing the song "Make Believe."

Whistle Bait

To the Girl that whistled in assembly Tuesday-- Coach Miller is taken. We have to admit however that he is a gorgeous hunk of man, and that the woman who hooked him got a good deal.

Point or No Point

Mr. Tewell has requested us to find the culprit who knowingly or unknowingly put that thumb tack in his chair. We presume that this is one joke that he did not get the point of.

Take Heed Steadys

Advice to the LOVELORN! Some teacher, well known for his worthy advice, informed the girls of his third hour class to make sure that they have several boyfriends during this season. He also told the boys that this was the season to break off relations with the girls for a three week period. Purty good advice, we say.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Has DON CALDWELL reverted to the Cave man days? This question has been bothering several teachers and students since he was seen swinging ape-style on a horizontal pipe in the boys rest room. Has anybody seen a nice wild-grape vine around for DON to swing on after school?

Insecticide Plus!

Woe be to those happy couples who have been lurking in those dark corners in the halls before school and at noon when the new florescent lights are installed in the halls.

They say that light kills moths and other insects. We wonder if this innovation will kill teen age "puppy love".

In Tree Society

Mr. Evergreen Claims Top Social Rating

"I'm Mr. Evergreen. No, don't get up. I really can't stay long. I just wanted to say a couple things to you. You know, we Evergreens are a pretty proud group and in case you don't realize it, we've something to be proud about!"

"They say every dog has his day and so do trees. Do you remember way back when Indians weren't just statues in front of cigar stores? The Birch family was really prosperous then. Of course, those canoes were soon out-dated but the Birches had no reason to complain."

"Lots of trees today are among the '400' simply because some guy was smart enough to industrialize paper-making."

"And look at old General Sherman! that tree has had more publicity about his trunk than Betty Grable!"

"I tell you this so you'll know that competition for greatness is pretty keen. And now as I started out to say, we Evergreens have something to be proud about, too!"

"What would Christmas be without us? Can you imagine a Christmas Eve without a brightly decorated tree to liven up the place? Of course you can't."

"So don't take us Evergreens too lightly. We're an important family and since people often take us for granted, I was selected to give them the truth in the hope of making them appreciate us."

"Thanks for listening to me. I must go now and do my part to make some Christmas a little brighter. And speaking of Christmas, may you have the nicest one ever!"

Martha Jane Gintzell

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PHS Faculty-Students Make Out Letters To Send Santa Claus

Cars top the Christmas list as far as teachers are concerned. Mr. Cromer, Mr. Johnson, and Miss Messenger all want cars for Christmas and feel that the only way they'll get them will be through Santa Claus. Miss Messenger would also like to have Santa Claus himself.

Miss Waltz would settle for a radio; however she insists on the very latest model.

"Someone to pay my way to the Orange Bowl game on New Years would suit me fine," answered Mr. Tewell. The total cost would be \$127. Anyone with this amount of money is asked to contact Mr. Tewell immediately.

Mrs. Lewis will be with both of her daughters over the yuletide vacation. She wants two good girls for Christmas.

Rick Lance has put in his bid for a gold mine around the Christmas dates. Mitzi Angwin doesn't have a special gift in mind, so would be glad to share the mine with Rick.

Virginia Sullivan plans to get a box for Betsy Thomas to put her giggle in; however Betsy prefers a Buick convertible.

Musical minded Jim Mitchell

wants a new instrument. This time it is an alto saxophone so he can "make noise" in the dance bands.

Bob Longstaff thinks a car would make an ideal gift. He would prefer one of those Hudson convertibles.

Although Bill Nelson doesn't approve, Jo Anna Singleton still wants a doll for her Christmas. She also wants a new suit. Bill has in mind a new billfold complete with money.

Spirit of Christmas Shown in Y-Teen Skit

A Christmas theme was carried out in the Y-Teen meeting held in the Little Theater yesterday. This Christmas program was planned by the music and program committees under the direction of Barbara Biddle and Norma Johnson.

To express the spirit of Christmas, a skit was presented with committee participation. Several music numbers highlighted the assembly.

Future meetings have been planned with a speaker for Jan. 8 and a Y.W.C.A. interpretation skit by the publicity committee set for Jan. 15.

Chorus Cheer Sick With Yuletide Carols

A caroling we will go,
A caroling we will go,
To bring good cheer
To all far and near;
A caroling we will go.

Yes, it's that time of year again. The song birds are out at night bringing happiness to the sick and aged all over the country.

This custom of singing Christmas songs comes straight from the manger at Bethlehem, when the angels sang to the Christ-child. Since that time the tradition has traveled over the world.

Carrying on this tradition the mixed chorus sang to the sick at Mt. Carmel Hospital last Thursday. Several of the churches are having caroling parties this season also.



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Photography Club Meets In Darkroom

Photography Club members who signed up for work in enlarging met in the darkroom Wednesday for the first time. Students were taught how to use the enlarger and what speed paper should be used for various type prints.

Contest chairman Judy Veatch reminded the group that contest prints must be in by Jan. 14. The subject will be snow scenes or Christmas activities.

The first meeting on the return to school will be on Jan. 7, when contact printers will meet in the darkroom.

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Dragons To Try For Win Tonight At Lawrence

Pittsburg tangles with the Lawrence Lions tonight in the third non-league tilt of the season at Lawrence.

Last year the Dragons defeated the Lions in the seasons opener by a 33 to 21 count.

Lawrence, however, bounced back in the state tournament and got revenge by a win over the Dragons.

Schaake, center, and Sandefur, forward, are back this year for the Lions and will probably spark their team.

Miller's cagers will be ready to accept the challenge and will be trying hard for a win.

Lawrence defeated Topeka 40 to 30 this week. This means that the Dragons will have two rough games this week—end.

Sixth Hour Wins Intra-Mural Contest

Although a forecast of the tournament indicated that fourth and second hours might be the strongest, neither was the winning team. Sixth hour stepped in and defeated second hour thus becoming champions of the boys gym classes.

Over the net with it! Up, up and down and another point is scored in the boy's volleyball contests. Serving-off at noon Monday, the boys played hard and fast ball to the final battle which occurred yesterday.

Pitt Battles Topeka In Non-League Tilt

Purple Cagers battle Topeka tomorrow night at Topeka in the fourth game of the season. The game is a non-league affair but will show the relative strength of the S.E.K. in comparison with some of the stronger teams.

Topeka generally has a strong team, but Salina has defeated them this year.

The Dragons, however, are working hard for a good season and will be playing hard for a win.

Topeka will have several lettermen back and will have a strong team.

PHS Cagers Win Battles With Parsons



Photo By Richard Stankman

"Hoot" Gibson is going up for a rebound against Parsons; at the left is "Doug" Story, Pitt forward.

Cage Officials Rate PHS

Pittsburg received a fairly good basketball rating in the November issue of the Kansas High School Activities Journal.

Each year the basketball officials who officiate the games send in a report on playing facilities, attitude of crowd, attitude of players, attitude of coach, and dressing rooms.

Four Ratings Given
Ratings for the grades are thus: Excellent—1, Satisfactory—2, Unsatisfactory—3, and Very Unsatisfactory—4.

Pittsburg received its lowest rating in attitude of the crowd last year. This was also true in football. Crowd Attitude Low

The Dragons received a perfect rating in playing facilities and bet-

ter than average in everything but crowd attitude.

Since players, coaches, and particularly spectators play such an important part in the ratings the team receives, it would be well for them to watch their conduct at all times.

Shootin' Off Steam

Richard Lance

We wish to thank the Coffeyville Journal and the Pittsburg Headlight-Sun for the pictures of the three boys the Dragons placed on the All S.E.K. Team.

MANY THANKS!

John Gibson led the Purple Cagers in their win over Columbus. "Hoot" had eleven points and probably would have gotten more if he hadn't fouled out early in the third quarter.

BOB McVICKERS and RONALD BROWN did a nice job of rebounding against the Titans. Time and again the boys grabbed the ball off of the backboard.

Pittsburg made 13 field goals out of 42 attempts and 6 free throws out of 16 in the Columbus game. The field goal percentage was 30% and the free throw percentage was 37%.

Bill Thornberry took the ball away from one of the Columbus boys twice and made two nice lay up shots.

Harvey Grandle is going to broadcast all of the Dragons' home basketball games over K.S.E.K. Best of luck in this enterprise "Harv."

Officials for the Parsons game were of the best caliber. They kept the game well in hand but also left the game to the boys. They didn't try to take the game away from the boys by calling a lot of unnecessary fouls.

Gym Classes Spend Hour Dancing Today

Both boys and girls in the various gym classes spent their respective hours dancing in the high school gym today. The girls have worked on the polka, waltz, and folk dances several times during the past two weeks.

Basketball techniques are being practiced by the girls' class; however no scoring games have yet been played.

Basketball Terms Are Needed For Appreciation of Game

Since the purple Dragons opened their basketball season Friday against Columbus it might help PHS fans if they knew some of the terms used in the game.

TRAVELING When the boy takes more than one step when dribbling the ball.

DOUBLE DRIBBLE A player hits the ball with both hands while

dribbling or else stops his dribble and then starts again.

DOUBLE FOUL Two players on opposite teams commit a foul on each other. One free throw apiece is awarded to both boys.

HOOK PASS A player receives the ball, fakes, pivots, takes one step either way and rolls the ball off his hand in a high arc.

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